(a) whether Government propose to rank all licenced private engineering and management colleges;

(b) if so, the criteria for proposed gradation;

(c) the number of such approved institutions in the country; and

(d) machinery established, if any, to regularly monitor the performance of these institutions to decide on the continuance of their entitlement to a particular grade and also to suitably publicise their ranking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d) As per the information furnished by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) they have initiated the process of Performance Appraisal System for all such institutions which have not been accredited. AICTE has invited applications from the institutions. The institutions with 85% or more score will be graded as Excellent; between 75%-85% as Very Good; between 65%-75% as Good; between 55%-65% as Average and below 55% as Poor.

Setting up of university in Senegal

433. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Senegal Government has sought India's help to set up a university there; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Inclusion of magic in syllabus

†434. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously considering to include magic in syllabus;

(b) if so, the justification for the same; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.